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HEAD OF GUARD IS PLEASED WITH ARMORY

SAYS IT IS THE HANDSOMEST STRUCTURE OF THE KIND IN OREGON AND WORTHY OF PRIDE.

BALL TEAM IS ORGANIZING

Captain Toozee Preparing to Line Up Husky Veteran Basket Ball Tossers For Winter Season of Sport—Paraphernalia Ordered and Practicing to Begin This Week.

The work of building Dallas' handsome \$15,000 Armory is rapidly nearing a close. The exterior finishing has been completed, with the exception of affixing the replica of the state seal of Oregon, and the striking lines of the big structure, surmounted by warlike battlements and water-tower, attract admiring attention. The plasterers are now at work on the interior, and it is thought that the building will be ready for use by the first of next month.

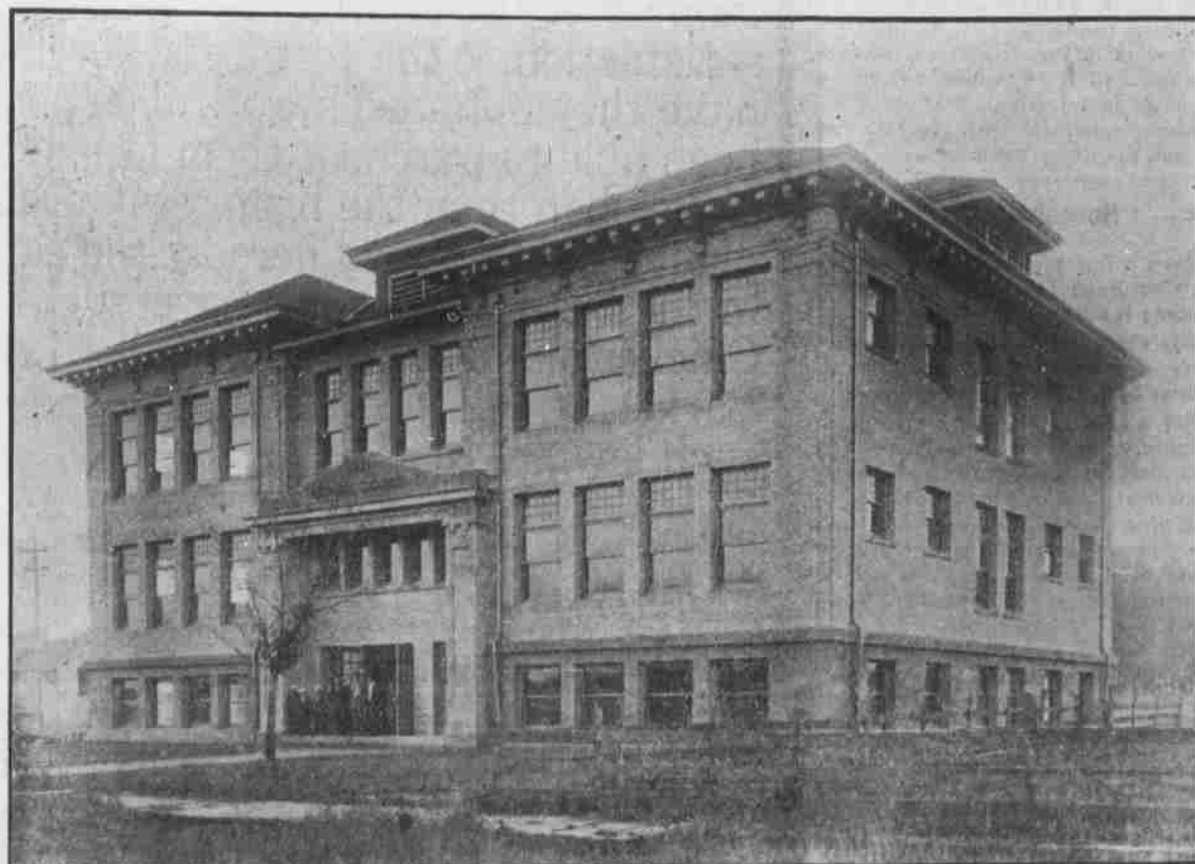
Colonel James Jackson, Inspector General, and Adjutant General William E. Finzer, of the state military board of the Oregon National Guard, were in the city recently to inspect the progress of construction. In speaking of the appearance of the building to Captain Toozee, Jr., commander of the local company, Adjutant General Finzer praised it highly and said that it was the handsomest building of the kind anywhere in Oregon, and that the city and county should be proud of it. While here, Adjutant General Finzer consented to the purchase of a number of extra furnishings such as chairs, electroliers, etc., including the necessary furniture for fitting up a women's dressing room to be used in connection with public performances in the drill room which will be equipped for that purpose.

Basket Ball Team.
To add to the gaiety of the winter season and to revive the interest in basket ball which may be said to be the official and preferred sport of this city, Captain Toozee is preparing to organize a basket ball team from among the members of Company H. Baskets, suits, and the various paraphernalia needed have been ordered, and practicing is expected to begin this week in the rink. As soon as the Armory is ready, the drill room will be used instead. The players are to be coached by Ned Shaw and J. Viggers. Among those who are to take part in the preliminary work are the following: Fred Boyiston, Leon Elder, L. G. Shaw, J. Viggers, Fred Cooper, Charles Poling, Roy Finseth, Walter Ballantyne, Ned Shaw and Norval Gates.

NEW STORE FRONTS PLEASE Modern Improvements on Main Street Attractive.

The introduction of modern plate glass fronts on Main street has made a great improvement there that is much admired. The old heavy brick piers have been replaced with handsome show windows that give admirable scope for displays. The Gaynor shoe store front was the first to be finished, and when altered according to plans for the interior, will be a very inviting place. John H. Shepherd, the jeweler, will move into his new location sometime this week, and will have it fitted handsomely with new fixtures which he has ordered from Portland. The new store room being prepared for the Dallas Variety store will soon be ready for occupancy. It has been overhauled generally and has fine display windows.

New Modern School Building Is Credit to City of Monmouth



The accompanying picture is taken from a photograph of the handsome High School building which has just been finished in Monmouth at a cost of \$20,500, and which excels anything of the kind in other towns of similar size in the state. It contains six school rooms, a large assembly room, a library and three rooms in the basement that will be used as play rooms and for manual training. It is equipped with a system of fire escapes, and is modern and well finished and well lighted. It

is heated by hot air that is changed regularly during the day by forced draft supplied by fans driven by a five horsepower motor installed by the Oregon Power Company.

The High School and public school classes contained in the building are under the supervision of Professor Thomas H. Gentle, principal of the Oregon Normal Training school. Assisting him, Miss Mildora Jackson and Miss Nellie McNeill will have charge of the two rooms of the High School on the second floor. Miss

Alice M. McIntosh, Miss Grace M. Davis, Miss Olive Davis, and Miss Ruby Shearer, of the Normal training department will teach the grade classes.

The work of erecting the new building has been under the supervision of the board of directors, composed of Hon. Ira C. Powell, chairman; O. A. Wolverton, W. A. Wood, and A. J. Haley, clerk. H. K. Sickafouse has been appointed janitor.

BIG TOMATO AND CABBAGE

Striking Evidence of Polk Soil Fertility.

Henry Smith, a well-known farmer living 7 miles southeast of Dallas on the Luckiamute has gathered two products of his garden lately that form undisputable proof that Polk county soil and climate are Nature's best.

A tomato, weighing one and three-fourths pounds and measuring 17 inches in circumference was one of them.

The other was a head of "Drumhead" cabbage that measured 51 inches across the leaves. When stripped of all leaves and roots, it weighed 23 pounds. He has plenty more heads of cabbage in his patch that measure four feet across.

SCHOOL OFFICERS' CONVENTION

ANNUAL MEETING TO BE HELD IN DALLAS.

Preparations are now being made for the annual convention of the school officers of Polk county, which is to be held in this city Saturday, December 9. The state laws of Oregon provide that each year the county superintendent shall call such a meeting, and in accordance with that requirement, Superintendent H. C. Seymour is busy arranging the details. Every school district in the county is entitled to send two delegates, and each delegate is allowed the sum of \$2 per day to cover expenses and loss of time. The attendance, however, is not limited to delegates, but all school officers are invited and are welcome, and it is believed that not less than 200 will be present.

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Will Advertise Dallas at Big Angora Goat Show Here

ONE THOUSAND BUTTONS WILL BE PINNED ON DELEGATES AND VISITORS BOOSTING CITY

Superintendent Ayres Makes Selection of Premium Badges to Be Used—Commercial Club Committee Preparing For Biggest Exhibit Ever Made Anywhere By Association

Preparations for the greatest Angora goat show ever held by the Northwest association are quietly going on in this city. The date of the show has been fixed for January 3, 4 and 5, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and is to be held in the new Armory. Hundreds of goat breeders are expected from every part of the Northwest and from Eastern points, and it is the plan to give an "Angora venison" banquet under the auspices of the Dallas Commercial club.

Committee in Charge.
The committee appointed by the Commercial club to make arrangements for the show consists of G. W. McBee, U. S. Grant and H. L. Fen-ton.

Superintendent W. A. Ayres, to whom was left the selection of the badges of award, has picked out some very striking designs and will have them made up. Blue, red and yellow will designate the three classes of premiums in the regular lists and also in the four special premium lists.

Booster Buttons.
For the purpose of advertising Dallas and the show as well, Superintendent Ayres has ordered a thousand buttons to be worn by the delegates and visitors. The buttons will display a goat's head, surrounded by the words, "Northwest Angora Goat Association, Dallas, Oregon, 1912."

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POULTRYMEN WANT SHOW IN CITY

MAY EXHIBIT WITH ANGORA GOAT ASSOCIATION.

At a meeting of the Polk County Poultry association held in the Court House last Saturday, the question of holding the annual exhibition of fowls was taken up and discussed. Heretofore the shows have generally been held in December, but in view of the inducements made by the committee for the Northwest Angora Goat association show to be held here in the first week in January, it may be that the date will be postponed until then. Owing to the loss of coops and other property in the fire of the old gymnasium last spring, the poultry association will be put to considerable expense this year. The goat men have offered to furnish them the use of the building, lights, etc., free of charge in order to combine the two attractions, and the proposition is to be discussed at a meeting of the poultry association to be held in the Court House next Saturday at 2 p. m.

Vacancy Filled.
The vacancy in the secretaryship was filled by the election of Mrs. J. L. Braden. T. D. Phillips was appointed assistant secretary by President Rempel.

A large attendance of members of the association and all others who are interested in the subject of poultry is desired for the meeting next Saturday, in order to arouse sufficient interest to make the show the success that it deserves to be.

U. S. Loughary went to Portland this morning on business.

PINAFORE PLEASES MANY DALLAS PEOPLE

REPRODUCTION OF COMIC OPERA BY LOCAL TALENT WINS UNIVERSAL PRAISE.

TWO PERFORMANCES GIVEN

After Less Than Two Weeks' Training, Amateurs Astonish By Excellence of Work—Packed Houses Net Tidy Sum to Be Used in Assisting Societies of High School.

Her Majesty's staunch craft, "Pinafore," the pride of the navy and the survivor of many a turbulent trip, made two very successful voyages out of the port of Dallas last Thursday and Friday nights. On board were a jolly good crew and as many landlubbers of this city as could be comfortably seated on the main deck with not a case of mal de mer reported, although the waves ran high and the decks were awash until the scuppers were flooded and the hatches had to be battened down. The icy winds sang among the shrouds, and the lowering storm clouds hid the helmsman's star. But above it all the strains of catchy music, the cheerful shouts of the busy watch and the general air of hilarity that pervaded everything brought more enjoyment to the on-lookers than they have had the opportunity of experiencing for many a long time.

Greatly Enjoyed.
On both nights of the performance of the comic opera given under the direction of Martin E. Robinson, the auditorium of Woodman Hall was packed from one end to the other, and it is entirely doubtful if ever any production given here was more thoroughly enjoyed. Both performances went with snap and vim. The universal opinion was that it was an exceptionally fine piece of amateur work for which every one in the east was entitled to credit. This fact is all the more notable, when it is recalled that scarcely two weeks elapsed between the time the rehearsals commenced until the opening performance. The proceeds for the benefit of the High School amounted to something like \$175, and that sum will be distributed among the various funds necessary to carry on the work of the different organizations among the pupils. City Superintendent W. I. Ford was highly pleased with the result and wished to convey through the columns of the Observer his thanks to the people of Dallas who rendered assistance.

All Were Good.
To particularize upon the merits (Continued on Page Four.)

YOUNG DALLAS BUSINESS MAN IS MARRIED SUNDAY

Henry R. Muscott and Miss Dora Palmer Begin Life's Journey Together Here.

At a very quiet wedding held in the city last Sunday night at 7 o'clock at the home of the groom's aunt, Mrs. Charles Baker, Mr. Henry R. Muscott and Miss Dora Palmer, both of this city, were united in matrimony by Rev. Leon L. Meyers, minister of the Church of Christ. Only immediate relatives were present.

The groom is connected with the Star Transfer Company and is well known in business circles. The bride has been a resident of Dallas for some time. They will make their home here.

HIGH TEMPERATURE IN EAST; SNOW IN WEST

SATURDAY WEATHER ADDS NEW RECORD TO STORY OF MOST REMARKABLE YEAR IN HISTORY.

CYCLONE HITS WISCONSIN

Chicago Has Warmest November Day For Years; Heat Prostrations Reported; Sleet Storm in Iowa, Blizzard in Nebraska and Snow on Pacific Slope.

With record breaking snow in Oregon and Washington, in fact over the entire Northwest, with cyclones and blizzards sweeping over the middle West, and with people being overcome by the heat in Chicago, where all records for high temperature for November were smashed, Saturday added another remarkable performance to the record of a remarkable year.

With unprecedented high temperature in July lasting for a record breaking period, followed by continued warm weather in August and the wettest September on record, Oregonians experienced the driest October for many years, a month so dry that fall plowing was suspended in many fields. Then comes November which, while not half over, has already set several new marks and shattered records. The oldest inhabitant (and in Oregon that means something) can scarce remember a season when snow fell so early and records of the weather bureau in Portland, which was established in 1884, show no previous November weather that equals the present month.

Hot in Chicago.
While people on the Pacific slope were Saturday shivering in the icy blasts of winter, Chicago and the Lakes region, experienced the hottest November day for many years and several heat prostrations were reported. Late in the afternoon a cyclone swept over portions of Southern Wisconsin and Northern Illinois doing thousands of dollars damage to buildings and other property and (Continued on Page Five.)

DALLAS COMPANIES TO RESUME OIL DRILLING

Polk County Oil, Land & Gas Company Stockholders Vote to Start Work Immediately.

At a meeting of the stockholders of the Polk County Oil, Land & Gas Company held in the office of Fred Wagner recently, it was decided to collect the amounts recently subscribed and to begin work again without any further delay. Something like \$800 has been pledged, and the drill will be started just as soon as the amounts are paid in, which will be by the end of the week. The project received the endorsement of the Dallas Commercial Club at its last meeting, and the promoters of it are anxious to determine whether there is oil here.

Work is also to be resumed at the Whiteaker well. The Oregon Oil & Pipe Line Company which has been operating there, intends to start the drill just as soon as there is enough water on hand so that it will not be necessary to haul it. The well is now down 2300 feet to a stratum of second oil sand that will be penetrated within a short time now, when it is expected that there will be developments of importance. The Commercial Club has given its endorsement to this company also.